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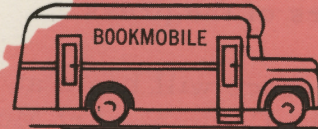
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GOVERNOR STRESSES LIBRARY NEEDS

Provision for better library service was one of Governor Donald S. Russell's recommendations to the General Assembly on January 13, 1965. He pointed out the need for a building for the State Library Board. Board officials feel that present services would be improved and that additional services, such as research for all state governmental agencies, could be provided if all offices of the Board were housed in one adequate and functional building.

The text of Governor Russell's address relating to libraries follows:

"In a state growing educationally and culturally each year, it is appropriate that we move to strengthen significantly our public library system. The State Library Board, as most of you know, renders outstanding leadership and service to the public and to local libraries throughout the state. I believe that the constructive use of good books by our population complements the rising educational attainments of our people. In line with this, I shall convene in the early spring a Governor's Conference on Public Libraries. It is my hope that the General Assembly will join in this emphasis on voluntary learning by authorizing the construction of a new building in Columbia for the State Library Board. Under the Library Services and Construction Act, federal funds are available on a 66 per cent federal—34 per cent state matching basis. Approximately \$130,000 is now available in earned funds towards providing the state's contribution. I request from the legislature the necessary additional matching amount required to permit this undertaking to go forward."

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC LIBRARIES

"Good Libraries, a Necessity, Not a Luxury," is the theme of a Governor's Conference on Public Libraries to be held April 28 at the Wade Hampton Hotel.

Governor Donald S. Russell announced the Conference in his State of the State address and will extend formal invitations to library trustees, Friends of the Library, legislators, public officials, representatives of statewide organizations, interested individuals, and members of the press.

The one-day conference will begin at 10:30 a. m. and will end at 4:00 p. m. It will be followed by a tea at the Columbia Art Museum, to be given by Mrs. Donald Russell, who is Honorary State Chairman for National Library Week, April 25-May 1.

Miss Jean Galloway of Greenville, Chairman, Trustees Section, South Carolina Library Association, is Conference chairman. The Conference is being sponsored by the Trustee Section of the Association with the cooperation of the Association's Public Library Section and the South Carolina State Library Board.

The purpose of the Conference is to inform library trustees and interested citizens on the potential of public libraries in South Carolina. The Governor and those attending will examine areas where South Carolina public libraries fail to meet this potential, will discuss the reasons for such failures, and will develop plans for action to remedy present weaknesses in the State's public libraries.

BUDGET REQUEST DENIED

The Budget and Control Board has recommended an appropriation of \$117,368 for the State Library Board for 1965-66. A request for an increase of \$23,104, which included an item for State Aid to newly organized county libraries, was refused. If the recommended appropriation is passed, it will mean a reduction in State Aid for all county and regional libraries.

In presenting the budget justification, the Board called attention to the fact that nearly 300 years ago the Assembly made its first appropriation for a Provincial Library at Charles Town. The Receiver General, Jonathan Amory, was ordered to lay out in "Drest Skins to the value of seventy pounds currant money" to cover the fifty-three pounds already spent and to allow for the purchase of additional books. Two years later the Proprietors gave thirty pounds and the "colony of Carolina at present and in promise" gave two hundred and twenty five. It is difficult to determine what this sum represented in per capita expenditure, but it seems safe to assume that it amounted to more than the five cents per capita appropriated by South Carolina in 1965.

1965 INTERN PROGRAM PLANNED

Fourteen South Carolina libraries will offer twenty-eight internships during the summer of 1965, the sixth year in which the State Library Board has sponsored the intern program. Florence County Library will take part in the project for the first time. County libraries offering internships are: Anderson, Beaufort, Charleston, Cherokee, Colleton, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Lexington, Pickens, Richland, and Spartanburg. The Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library will also participate.

The library internship program is a recruiting project developed by the State Library Board as a part of a general personnel program involving recruiting and training for librarianship. The purpose is to give qualified young people an introduction to the profession of librarianship through the experience of actually working in a good public library.

As developed in the past years library internships are summer positions in public libraries of South Carolina. They are awarded on a competitive basis to college juniors or seniors or to young teachers interested in becoming public librarians. The interns work full time for two and one-half or three months at a salary of \$150 per month.

The positions are awarded on the basis of formal applications, references and an interview by the head librarian. Priority is given to applicants interested in librarianship as a profession. The library intern's work is planned as an introduction to various phases of public library work with the purpose of giving the intern a chance to form an opinion of the opportunities in librarianship. As far as possible, the intern is assigned sub-professional rather than clerical duties.

RECRUITING CARAVANS SCHEDULED FOR SECOND TOUR

The State Library Board's Recruiting Caravans, used to support the Personnel Program in 1965, have been scheduled again this year. During the week of February 8, the Library Board will send two caravans to visit fifteen senior colleges throughout the state. The caravan members, who are recent graduates of SLB's scholarship program, will speak before student assemblies, classes, and other groups, confer with individual students interested in librarianship as a career, and give information about the intern and scholarship programs to faculty members, librarians, and guidance counselors. In particular, they want to meet students who are interested in working as library interns this summer.

Caravan I, headed by Betty E. Callaham, Adult Consultant, State Library Board, will include Helen Jordan, also from the SLB staff, and Sara Henry of the Greenville County Library. This group will visit schools in the upper state, including Limestone and Converse Colleges on February 8, Clemson and Bob Jones Universities on February 9, Lander College and Furman University on February 10, Winthrop College on February 11, and the University of South Carolina on February 12.

Caravan II, which will cover the midlands and low country, will include Norma Lightsey, Field Service Librarian, State Library Board, Gloria Lindler of the Lexington

County Library, and Margie Herron of the ABBE Regional Library. This group will visit Columbia College on February 8, Erskine and Presbyterian Colleges on February 9, Coker College on February 10, the College of Charleston and the Citadel on February 11, and Newberry College on February 12.

Members will be glad to talk with anyone interested in librarianship as a career and especially anyone interested in a library intern position of the scholarship program.

EXHIBIT ON PETS AND CARE OF PETS

The State Library Board has secured from the American Humane Association a collection of 25 "Animals in Art" posters, which were entered in the 1964 international poster contest. The posters are available to public libraries which wish to exhibit them. To accompany the exhibit the State Library Board has prepared a book list on animals, birds, and care of pets.

The purpose of the exhibit is to stress kindness to animals and to demonstrate the information on animals and on the care of pets available in books.

Twenty libraries have indicated their interest in the exhibit, and they have received lists of free and inexpensive material and the order information for books included on the reading list.

A schedule for the exhibit is being prepared, and libraries will be notified of the dates set for them.

OPEN HOUSE AT HANAHAN LIBRARY

The Hanahan Library, a branch of the Berkeley County Library, was opened for inspection on January 24, 1965, after brief dedicatory exercises.

Marie Harvey, chairman of the Berkeley County Library Board, presided at the ceremonies. Miss Harvey introduced the Reverend Mr. Horne of the Aldersgate Methodist Church who gave the invocation. Representatives Henderson Guerri and H. Norman West spoke on behalf of the legislative delegation. Senator Rembert C. Dennis was unable to attend.

Harold F. Harding and J. D. Keely, members of the Hanahan Public Service Commission which donated the site for the building, were recognized as were members of the Berkeley County Library Board.

Mrs. Harold F. Harding, chairman of the Hanahan Library Fund Committee who spearheaded the drive, cut the ribbons to formally open the library.

Refreshments were provided and served by members of the Hanahan High School PTA.

Lois Barbare, Technical Services Librarian, and Nancy C. Blair, Field Service Librarian, represented the State Library Board.

The library building was constructed entirely by contributions of material, labor, and cash donations from firms and citizens of the community. Acknowledgement of this generosity on the part of over fifty builders, merchants, and individuals was made in a brochure distributed to those attending the open house.

RICHLAND COUNTY LIBRARY EXPANDS SERVICE

The Richland County Public Library has inaugurated a unique service, operation of a bookmobile for the exclusive use of children in the Columbia area. Playgrounds and housing projects are included on the routes.

Mrs. William A. Foran, Head of the Children's Department, says the project has had a good reception. Mrs. John H. Davis is the staff member on duty on the bookmobile, and Dwight Andrews is the driver.

REPORT FROM FLORENCE

The Florence County Library has prepared and mailed to businessmen throughout the county a list of books, periodical articles, handbooks, and bibliographies concerning their interests. It is planned to continue this bibliography on a bi-monthly basis.

In a letter introducing the service, Lester J. Pourciau, Jr., Reference Librarian, called the executives' attention to the expanding service being made available through the Reference and Periodicals Projects of the State Library Board.

Renovation of the ground floor of the Florence County Library began on January 11 after the county delegation approved expenditure of \$22,000 for the project. The contract was awarded to Durant Construction Company. The extension department will be located in the renovated quarters which are expected to be ready for use within sixty days.

The Senior Citizens of Florence accepted the invitation to cooperate with the County Library in extending library service to home-bound citizens. Plans for the project are being developed at present and the service will be initiated early in the spring.

CORRECTION!

In the January News for Public Libraries, Robert L. Zeigler was inadvertently listed as chairman of the Bamberg County Library Board. Mrs. H. G. Hiers is chairman of the County Board, and Mr. Zeigler is a member of the board and a representative on the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Board.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

On January 14, Dr. Edward B. Jones, professor of history at Furman University, gave an illustrated lecture on India at the Greenville County Library. Dr. Jones visited India last summer on a Fulbright scholarship.

On January 25, Everette B. Aultman, executive director of the Greater Greenville Community Council, discussed the Anti-poverty Act at a meeting of the Adult Education Committee of the McBee Avenue Branch of the Greenville County Library. Mr. Aultman spoke again on this topic at the main library on January 28.

Mrs. Jack K. McDowell is a new assistant at the Greenwood City and County Library. Mrs. McDowell received a B.A. degree from Furman University and an M.A. from the State University of Iowa. She formerly taught at Drener High School, Columbia, and at Furman University.

In an effort to return to the rightful owners property left in books and in the library, the Anderson County Library arranged a display of lost articles. They ranged from photographs to men's hats and a purse. Mrs. Sarah Smith, librarian, reports that the display created much interest.

At its January meeting the Berkeley County Library Board accepted, with regret the resignation, effective March 31, of Mrs. J. H. Dangerfield. Mrs. Dangerfield has been bookmobile librarian since 1949. Lynette Guerrey will succeed Mrs. Dangerfield.

Frances McKnight, an assistant at the Berkeley County Library, was married to Dennis M. Shanklin on January 9, 1965.

Senator Earl Morris, Jr. was the speaker at the ground breaking ceremonies for the Sarlin Community Library in Liberty. The Sarlin family, represented by Ralph Sarlin at the ceremonies, donated the site and over \$10,000 for the library. An additional \$5,000 will be raised through donations.

Mrs. Margie Richardson has succeeded Mrs. Sara T. Strom as librarian of the McCormick County Library.

H. DeWitt Plyler has succeeded A. Z. F. Wood as chairman of the Lancaster County Library Board. Mr. Wood's resignation was caused by the transfer of his office and residence to Fort Mill.

The Lancaster County Library has purchased a reconditioned bookmobile to replace the one which had been in use for 15 years.

Olin J. Salley presented a copy of his "History of Orangeburg Collegiate Institute (Orangeburg College) 1891-1914" to the Orangeburg County Free Library.

CONGRESSIONAL LUNCHEON

The South Carolina table at the Congressional Luncheon was decorated with a South Carolina flag and camellias flown to Washington by the Men's Garden Club of the Pee Dee.

Congressman William Bryan Jennings Dorn attended the luncheon. The Public Library Section of the SCLA was represented by Estellene P. Walker and Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson. Jean Galloway, Chairman, represented the Trustees Section.

The luncheon, planned to honor members of the Congress and to express librarians' appreciation of library legislation, was held at the Shoreham Hotel January 28, 1965, during the Midwinter meeting of the American Library Association.

NEWS FROM THE SCLA PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION

The officers of the Public Libraries Section met in Columbia on Saturday, January 30, to plan the Section's activities for the year. Those present were Betty Callaham, Chairman; Gloria Lindler, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Beverley Ulmer, Secretary; and Frances Reid, Past Chairman.

In cooperation with the Trustee Section, the Public Libraries Section will sponsor a series of regional meetings in the fall to follow up the work of the Governor's Conference on Public Libraries on April 28. The purpose of the meetings will be to study specific means by which public libraries of the state may achieve the Standards for South Carolina Public Libraries adopted in 1964. Meetings are being planned in Greenville, Greenwood, Florence, Batesburg, Lancaster, and tentatively in Charleston. Miss Laura Ebaugh, Adult Education Associate of the Greenville County Library, is chairman of the Section's committee to plan the regional meetings. Others members are: Miss Elizabeth Porcher, Greenwood County Library; Mrs. Marguerite Thompson, Florence County Library; Miss Gloria Lindler, Lexington County Library; Miss Elizabeth Wilson, trustee of the Lancaster County Library; and one member still to be appointed.

Other committee assignments for the year are incomplete. Appointments that have been confirmed include: Legislative Committee—Mrs. William Foran, chairman, Mrs. Sarah Smith, and Mrs. Lila Morley; Workshop Committee—Miss Frances Reid, chairman. Other committees will be announced later.

WHAT IS A BOOK?

"It has been said with truth that the most significant thing which man has yet learned to do with his hands is to form the printed word and with the printed word to make and hold a book.

"A book is a window through which we may view unlimited horizons. Vast fields of knowledge wait the touch of our fingers.

"A book is a friend with whom we may converse at will and which can tell us many things.

"A book is a bank from which we may draw upon all of the accumulated knowledge of man.

"A book is a diary of progress.

"A book is a vehicle which can transport us to any age and clime freed from time and space.

"A book is a contagion by which we may feel the innermost thoughts and emotions of the great of all times.

"A book obtains an air of permanency which transcends the transient and lets our souls soar free.

"There is a Book of Books from which we may learn the secret of life itself---by which we may know truth which makes us free and sons of God."

----- H. Norman West, Member from Berkeley County, S. C. House of Representative, at dedication of Hanahan Library, January 24, 1965.

FILM FARE

Libraries have become centers from which all types of materials and equipment may be obtained. No longer is it necessary to circulate books and periodicals only, but non-book materials, including audio visual aids, are much in demand.

Public libraries in South Carolina have long felt this need. Some have been providing these services, at least partially, for some time, and as a result of the 1963-64 Equipment Project, other libraries are now offering similar services to their patrons for the first time. Purchased with Project funds were record players, opaque projectors, filmstrip and slide projectors, and movie projectors. Most of these libraries immediately began building record collections. Some have been able to purchase slides and filmstrips to use with children's and other special groups. However, very few public libraries in the state have been able to purchase 16 mm films, which are very expensive and require special storage facilities and staff to handle.

For those librarians interested in developing film programs in their libraries, there is a book which can be very helpful. This is the Educators Guide to Free Films. Revised annually, the 24th (1964) edition lists 4,164 titles and is the only complete guide to all films available free of cost (no rental, service or sales cost) throughout the United States. Arranged for easy handling, there is a title index, a subject index, and a source and availability index. The Guide is published by the Educators Progress Service and sells for \$9.00.

Many agencies in South Carolina offer films free to libraries and other groups. One of these, the S. C. Department of Mental Health, 2214 Bull Street, Columbia, S. C. 29202, offers a wide variety of films, filmstrips, and transcriptions for mental health education in their 1964 catalog. Any library which does not have one may obtain this catalog upon request from the Department of Mental Health. A sample of films available include:

The Dropout, which is a story about one of thousands of youngsters who leave high school without graduating and how a community, through remedial reading programs, work experience programs, and other educational activities may tackle the dropout problem;

Holiday from Rules, which illustrates for children in the early school years the need for rules, regulations, and orderly patterns of living. Through fantasy, children learn how rules make life easier; and The Yellow Leaf, which is the sympathetic study of the problem of an elderly widow who is forced to leave her daughter's household to live in a home for the aged.

The S. C. State Highway Department, Drawer 191, Columbia, S. C. 29202, also publishes a catalog of films available from their collection. Any public library may secure the catalog upon request. Films available from the State Highway Department include:

A Closed Book, which is the story of a small town doctor's crusade for safety. Ridiculed at first, the crusade finally proves successful;

The Litterbug, which is an animated Walt Disney cartoon to be used in anti-litter campaigns; and Home at the Wheel, which is a film of particular interest to every woman and girl who drives an automobile. It is an entertaining and helpful film about driving the car—from the women's viewpoint.

These films are just a few of the many that are free for loan to groups in the state.

And do not forget about the two movies showing South Carolina's role in the Revolutionary War battles that are now available to clubs, schools, and interested organizations through the Palmetto Outdoor Historical Drama Association. These are "The Turning Point," which shows battles at Ninety Six, Cowpens, and King's Mountain, and "Victory is Won", which stresses the importance of battles fought in South Carolina. Fuller descriptions of these films were given in the November issue of News for Public Librarians.

PHOTOCOPYER SOLVES PROBLEM

"From Miami comes a report from Zelia J. French, Librarian: 'During the first three months of this school year photocopying equipment has solved a problem in the use and abuse of the periodical files in the Miami Public Library. No periodicals have been checked out to students. Articles which were needed for extensive use have been copied and either sold or loaned to the students for seven days. The record for November shows

that 1,118 periodicals were used in the library and 288 articles were copied for circulation. This is a peak for the three months. In some instances as many as seven or eight copies of an article were made giving seven or eight students rather than one the opportunity to use the material. Previously, of course, one student checked out the periodical and that was that. Adults have borrowed periodicals as usual; however the record shows that this circulation has been reduced by two-thirds over the same period in 1963. The two-thirds reduction was the student use which is now absorbed through the photocopies. A chief result is that our periodicals files are fairly complete. The photocopies have been organized with an index card for each article. They are ready to be reloaned as needed'."

----- Library Extension Division Newsletter, Oklahoma State Library,
Vol. 13, No. 1 and 2.

PARAMUS, N. J., LIBRARY WINS \$5000 BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB AWARD

The Paramus Free Public Library in New Jersey heads the list of ten small public libraries, in as many states, to be honored during National Library Week as winners of the 1965 annual Book-of-the-Month Club Library Awards program. The awards, totalling \$14,000 this year, are given in memory of Dorothy Canfield Fisher to reward small-town libraries that have made exceptional efforts to improve services to their public.

The Paramus library was named winner of the \$5000 Main Award for creative use of its resources and effective performance as a center for the community's cultural, educational and economic life.

There was no South Carolina winner this year. Libraries which have received awards are Beaufort County, Colleton County, Greenwood City and County, and Oconee County. Beaufort won the \$5000 national award in 1963.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne Library:

I read the letter from Status Quo last month and couldn't resist writing you. Four years ago I felt just the same. I voted against the consolidation of libraries in this county; but, thank goodness, my vote was overridden.

Anne, please pass along my town's story to Status Quo. We, too, had had a lovely little library for many years—lovely by 1920 standards, that is. It had the same bare lightbulbs, the same coal heaters, the same uncomfortable chairs it had forty years ago! We, too, bought some good books all along—less than 200 per year; and we were given books—grandmother's favorite novels unearthed from the attic during spring cleaning or Johnny's worn out textbooks! We, too, had library hours three days per week—for a total of six hours!

But no more! Today our library building is bright and comfortable after a thorough renovation. Now our bookshelves are filled with a constantly changing variety of new books. A telephone call and overnight mail service brings any additional book requested by a reader. Now the library is open six days (thirty hours), and we are considering increasing the hours. It is constantly filled with people using books and materials they didn't even know they were missing before.

I would like to ask Pro Status Quo, does your library truly have all it needs; does it truly suit your community? Or has the community never had the opportunity to try anything better? I doubted too, but they showed me. Give your county a chance, and you will probably be as pleased as we are with the results.

Yours,

Voice of Experience

Dear Voice:

I wholeheartedly concur. Thank you.

Anne

(Miss Library appreciates your letters, which will be answered in succeeding issues.)

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